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SCHOOL & MASS EDUCATION DEPARTMENT

NOTIFICATION

The 11th May, 2023

S.R.O. No.792/2023— Whereas, the draft of certain rules to amend the Odisha Education (Employees Provident Fund and *ex gratia* benefit) Rules, 2017 were published as required by sub-section (1) of Section 27 read with sub-section (1) of Section 10 of the Odisha Education Act, 1969 (Odisha Act 15 of 1969), in the Extraordinary issue of the *Odisha Gazette* No.314, dated the 3rd February, 2023 under the Notification of the Government of Odisha in the School & Mass Education Department No.2088-SME-NGHS-NGHS-0056/2017-SME dated the 30th January, 2023 bearing **S.R.O. No.53/2023** inviting objection or suggestion from all persons likely to be affected thereby, till the expiry of a period of thirty days from the date of publication of the said notification in the *Odisha Gazette*.

And, whereas, no objection or suggestion has been received on the said draft during the stipulated period for consideration by the State Government.

Now, therefore, in exercise of the powers conferred by Section 27 read with sub-section (1) of Section 10 of the said Act, the State Government do hereby make the following rules to amend the Odisha Education (Employees Provident Fund and *ex gratia* benefit) Rules, 2017, namely:—

1. Short title and commencement. -(1) These rules may be called the Odisha Education (Employees' Provident Fund and *ex gratia* benefit) Amendment Rules, 2023.

(2) They shall come into force on the date of their publication in the *Odisha Gazette*.

2. In the Odisha Education (Employees Provident Fund and *ex gratia* benefit) Rules, 2017, in rule 5, for sub-rule (1), the following sub-rule shall be substituted, namely:—

"(1) An *ex gratia* of Rs.5 lakhs (Rupees five lakhs) shall be paid to the next of kin of any employees who dies while in service and in case of permanent incapacitation, an *ex gratia* of Rs.3.5 lakhs (Rupees three lakhs fifty thousand) shall be paid to such employees."

[No. 11576—SME-NGHS-NGHS-0056/2017/SME.]

By Order of the Governor

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Commissioner-cum-Secretary to Government